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Application for United States Patent

## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

AN APPARATUS AND A METHOD FOR COLLECTION  
OF A PROBLEM PART

the specification of which:  
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☒ (is attached hereto)  
\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_,  
as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			priority claimed	
<u>2000-75829</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>17/03/2000</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year Filed)	yes	no
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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)

**Power of Attorney:** As a named inventor, I hereby appoint Sean M. McGinn, Reg. No. 34, 386, and Frederick W. Gibb, III, Reg. No. 37,629, as attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence should be directed to **McGinn & Gibb, P.C., 1701 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 100, Arlington, Virginia 22209**. Telephone calls should be directed to McGinn & Gibb, P.C. at (703) 294-6699.

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